



## **Green River Energy Resources, Inc.**

101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 700, Las Vegas, Nevada 89126

November 27, 2006

NEPA Modernization (CE)

Attn: Associate Director for NEPA Oversight

722 Jackson Place N.W.

Washington DC 20503

Re:       Comments on Proposed Guidance  
          Council on Environmental Quality  
          The National Environmental Policy Act  
          Establishing, Revising, and Using Categorical Exclusions under the National Environmental  
          Policy Act

Gentlemen and Ladies,

Please allow this letter to express my strong opposition to your proposed guidance: Establishing, Revising, and Using Categorical Exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act.

In the September 19, 2006 Federal Register Notice of your proposal you state that the proposed guidance was developed in part to "...eliminate the need for unnecessary paperwork and effort under NEPA for categories of actions that normally do not warrant preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) or environmental assessment (EA)." The quoted portion, as well as the entire stated purpose for guidance, is commendable, and I fully support guidance consistent with the stated purpose. Unfortunately, the proposed guidance will have the opposite affect. This additional and unnecessary tier of government can only serve to obstruct agency use of any categorical exclusion (CE).

Please take immediate action to withdraw your proposed guidance and consider rewriting it to be consistent with your stated purpose and with other relevant US laws and Executive Orders. Our country and citizens should not be burdened by the intrusive and burdensome approach you have proposed for implementing national environmental policy as directed by Congress in the National Environmental Policy Act.

Sincerely,

DeWitt A. Morris, President

Cc:       Honorable Senator, Max Baucus  
          Honorable Senator, Jon Tester